

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for performing automated distribution and billing, comprising:

providing a negotiation forum between a delivery entity and a receiver entity, wherein the delivery entity corresponds to a developer of an application, wherein the receiver entity corresponds to a distributor of the application, wherein the negotiation forum allows for a virtual negotiation of billing-related metadata between the delivery entity and the receiver entity for the application, wherein at least a portion of the billing-related metadata relates to how to account for distribution of the application by the receiver entity to a wireless device operable on a network of the receiver entity;

receiving, at the negotiation forum, at least one proposed billing-related metadata associated with [[an]] the application from [[a]] at least one of the delivery entity or the receiver entity;

~~presenting the metadata associated with the application to the receiver entity;~~

receiving an acceptance of the proposed billing-related metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity, thereby defining agreed-to billing-related metadata corresponding to the application, the delivery entity and the receiver entity;

configuring a catalog for the receiving receiver entity associating including the correspondence between the application and the agreed-to billing-related metadata in a central repository;

~~sending the catalog information to the receiver entity;~~

receiving indication that a transaction [[of]] involving the application and the receiver entity has occurred; and

transmitting billing information to the receiver entity, wherein the billing information is based on the agreed-to billing-related metadata.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transaction includes information about the application being downloaded to a wireless device.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the negotiation forum uses a secure extranet accessible by the delivery entity and receiver entity.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the agreed-to billing-related metadata includes ~~billing information associated with~~ a price to charge the wireless device for the application.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiver entity [[is]] comprises a carrier.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein in the delivery entity [[is]] comprises a developer.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for performing automated distribution and billing, comprising:

means for providing a negotiation forum between a delivery entity and a receiver entity, wherein the delivery entity corresponds to a developer of an application, wherein the receiver entity corresponds to a distributor of the application, wherein the negotiation forum allows for a virtual negotiation of billing-related metadata between the delivery entity and the receiver entity for the application, wherein at least a portion of the billing-related metadata relates to how to account for distribution of the application by the receiver entity to a wireless device operable on a network of the receiver entity;

means for receiving, at the negotiation forum, at least one proposed billing-related metadata associated with [[an]] the application from [[a]] at least one of the delivery entity or the receiver entity;

~~means for presenting the metadata associated with the application to the receiver entity;~~

means for receiving an acceptance of the proposed billing-related metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity, thereby defining agreed-to billing-related metadata corresponding to the application, the delivery entity and the receiver entity;

means for configuring a catalog for the ~~receiving~~ receiver entity associating including the correspondence between the application and the agreed-to billing-related metadata in a central repository;

~~means for sending the catalog information to the receiver entity;~~

means for receiving indication that a transaction [[of]] involving the application and the receiver entity has occurred; and

means for transmitting billing information to the receiver entity, wherein the billing information is based on the agreed-to billing-related metadata.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the transaction includes information about the application being downloaded to a wireless device.

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the negotiation forum uses a secure extranet accessible by the delivery entity and receiver entity.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the agreed-to billing-related metadata includes ~~billing information associated with~~ a price to charge the wireless device for the application.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions, which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform operations, the instructions comprising:

at least one instruction for providing a negotiation forum between a delivery entity and a receiver entity, wherein the delivery entity corresponds to a developer of an application, wherein the receiver entity corresponds to a distributor of the application, wherein the negotiation forum allows for a virtual negotiation of billing-related metadata between the delivery entity and the receiver entity for the application, wherein at least a portion of the billing-related metadata relates to how to account for distribution of the application by the receiver entity to a wireless device operable on a network of the receiver entity;

at least one instruction for receiving, at the negotiation forum, at least one proposed billing-related metadata associated with [[an]] the application from [[a]] at least one of the delivery entity or the receiver entity;

~~at least one instruction for presenting the metadata associated with the application to the receiver entity;~~

at least one instruction for receiving an acceptance of the proposed billing-related metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity, thereby defining agreed-to billing-related metadata corresponding to the application, the delivery entity and the receiver entity;

at least one instruction for configuring a catalog for the ~~receiving~~ receiver entity ~~associating~~ including the correspondence between the application and the agreed-to billing-related metadata in a central repository;

~~at least one instruction for sending the catalog information to the receiver entity;~~

at least one instruction for receiving indication that a transaction ~~[[of]]~~ involving the application and the receiver entity has occurred; and

at least one instruction for transmitting billing information to the receiver entity, wherein the billing information is based on the agreed-to billing-related metadata.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer readable means of claim 11, wherein the transaction includes information about the application being downloaded to a wireless device.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer readable means of claim 11, wherein the negotiation forum uses a secure extranet accessible by the delivery and receiver entity.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer readable means of claim 11, wherein the agreed-to billing-related metadata includes ~~billing information associated with a price to charge~~ the wireless device for the application.

15. (Currently Amended) An automated distribution and billing system, comprising:
an extranet accessible by multiple carriers and multiple developers, wherein each developer corresponds to a creator of an application, wherein each carrier corresponds to a distributor of applications, wherein the extranet defines ~~used as~~ a negotiation forum that enables a virtual negotiation of billing-related metadata between a respective carrier and a respective developer for a respective application, wherein at least a portion of the billing-related metadata relates to how to account for distribution of the respective application by the respective carrier to a wireless device operable on a network of the respective carrier;

a server having a central repository that stores agreed-to billing-related metadata ~~associated with an~~ corresponding to the respective application, the respective carrier and the

respective developer, wherein the agreed-to billing-related metadata comprises respective billing-related metadata accepted by both the respective carrier and the respective developer during the virtual negotiation; and

a transaction server operable to receive transaction data ~~associated with the~~ corresponding to a downloading of the respective application from the respective carrier, and, using the corresponding agreed-to billing-related metadata, operable to determine billing information associated with the downloading of the application.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the transaction server is further operable to send ~~sends~~ the billing information to a carrier.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the transaction server is further operable to send ~~sends~~ the billing information to a developer.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the transaction data ~~is associated with the application downloaded~~ further corresponds to downloading of the respective application to a wireless device.

19. (Currently Amended) A system for distributing applications over a wireless network, comprising:

a centralized processor operable to perform administrative functions associated with downloading an application to a wireless device, wherein the centralized processor comprises agreed-to billing-related metadata corresponding to the application, a developer of the application and a carrier accepted by both the carrier and the developer during a virtual negotiation, and wherein at least a portion of the agreed-to billing-related metadata relates to how to account for distribution of the application by the carrier to a respective wireless device operable on a network of the carrier;

a local processor connected to the centralized processor and operable to receive catalog data and the application from the centralized processor, to transmit the catalog data and the application to the wireless device, and to record transaction data associated with the transmission of the application to the wireless device; and

a transaction server connected to the centralized processor and the local processor and operable to receive the agreed-to billing-related metadata ~~information~~ from the centralized processor, receive the transaction data from the local processor, and process the agreed-to billing-related metadata ~~information~~ and the transaction data for billing.

20. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the agreed-to billing-related metadata further comprises a payment amount to pay the delivery entity for each distribution of the application.

21. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending the catalog to an application download server of the receiver entity to enable distribution of the application to the wireless device.

22. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving, at the negotiation forum, at least one proposed usage-related metadata associated with the application from at least one of the delivery entity and the receiver entity, wherein at least a portion of the proposed usage-related metadata relates to usage limitations of the application on the device operable on the network of the receiver entity;

receiving an acceptance of the proposed usage-related metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity, thereby defining agreed-to usage-related metadata corresponding to the application, the delivery entity and the receiver entity; and

wherein configuring the catalog further comprises including the correspondence between the application and the agreed-to usage-related metadata such that the transaction includes the agreed-to usage-related metadata.

23. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the agreed-to billing-related metadata further comprises a payment amount to pay the delivery entity for each distribution of the application.

24. (New) The system of claim 7, further comprising means for sending the catalog to an application download server of the receiver entity to enable distribution of the application to the wireless device.

25. (New) The system of claim 7, further comprising:
means for receiving, at the negotiation forum, at least one proposed usage-related metadata associated with the application from at least one of the delivery entity and the receiver entity, wherein at least a portion of the proposed usage-related metadata relates to usage limitations of the application on the device operable on the network of the receiver entity;
means for receiving an acceptance of the proposed usage-related metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity, thereby defining agreed-to usage-related metadata corresponding to the application, the delivery entity and the receiver entity; and
wherein the means for configuring the catalog further comprises configuring to include the correspondence between the application and the agreed-to usage-related metadata such that the transaction includes the agreed-to usage-related metadata.

26. (New) The computer readable means of claim 11, wherein the agreed-to billing-related metadata further comprises a payment amount to pay the delivery entity for each distribution of the application.

27. (New) The computer readable means of claim 11, further comprising at least one instruction for sending the catalog to an application download server of the receiver entity to enable distribution of the application to the wireless device.

28. (New) The computer readable means of claim 11, further comprising:
at least one instruction for receiving, at the negotiation forum, at least one proposed usage-related metadata associated with the application from at least one of the delivery entity and the receiver entity, wherein at least a portion of the proposed usage-related metadata relates

to usage limitations of the application on the device operable on the network of the receiver entity;

at least one instruction for receiving an acceptance of the proposed usage-related metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity, thereby defining agreed-to usage-related metadata corresponding to the application, the delivery entity and the receiver entity; and

wherein the at least one instruction for configuring the catalog further comprises at least one instruction for including the correspondence between the application and the agreed-to usage-related metadata such that the transaction includes the agreed-to usage-related metadata.

29. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the agreed-to billing-related metadata includes a price to charge the wireless device for the respective application.

30. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the agreed-to billing-related metadata further comprises a payment amount to pay the respective developer for each distribution of the respective application.

31. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the central repository further comprises a catalog including the respective application, wherein the catalog is transmittable to a download server of the respective carrier to enable distribution of the respective application to the wireless device.

32. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the negotiation forum is further operable to receive at least one proposed usage-related metadata associated with the application from at least one of the delivery entity and the receiver entity, wherein at least a portion of the proposed usage-related metadata relates to usage limitations of the application on the device operable on the network of the receiver entity, wherein the negotiation forum is further operable to receive an acceptance of the proposed usage-related metadata by the delivery entity and the receiver entity, thereby defining agreed-to usage-related metadata corresponding to the application, the delivery entity and the receiver entity, and wherein the central repository further comprises the catalog further including the correspondence between the application and the agreed-to usage-related metadata such that the transaction includes the agreed-to usage-related metadata.